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COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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DHARNA BY TRADE UNION IN THE COAL INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all operating trade unions in the coal industry have jointly organized a one day Dharna before each area office on June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the demands of worker and the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per the action programme announced by the Joint Action Committee of Central Trade Unions in the Coalindustry, one day dharna was organized by Central Trade Unions on 24th June 2002 before area offices of subsidiaries of CIL to emphasis certain long pending demands.

(c): The Joint Action Committee of Central Trade Unions had proposed a 19 Point Charter of Demandsin their Press Statement dated 26th April 2002. The main demands are withdrawal of Coal Mines (Nationalization) Amendment Bill 2000, immediate payment of the 20% balance of arrears of National Coal Wage Agreement-VI, (NCWA-VI), constitution of Joint - Bi - partite Committee for Coal Industry for NCWA-VII, stopping import of Coal and re-organization of Coal Industry into single unified company with full autonomy. The charter also included some demands regarding terms and conditions of service of workers. CIL Managementhas already informed Chief Labour Commissioner, New Delhialong with copy of press release for taking necessary action. The Ministry is seized of the matter and the Government have also constituted a Group of Minister (GOM) to review and monitor the situation.